जम्मू और कश्मीर में चनाव

1425. **श्री रजनी रंजन साहू :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में जम्मू और कश्मीर में विधान सभा चुनाव कराने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) जम्मू और कश्मीर में आतंकवाद की निरन्तर बढ़ती जा रही घटनाओं से निपटने में सरकार की लगातार असफलता के क्या कारण हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) जी, नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) घाटी में लगातार गंभीर स्थिति बनी रहने के **दो मुख्य कारण हैं :** पहला कारण सीमा पार से निरन्तर मदद मिलती रहना तथा दूसरा कारण बड़ी मात्रा में परिष्कृत शस्त्र और गोला बारूद सहित बड़ी संख्या में वहां प्रशिक्षित आतंकवादियों का उपस्थित रहना है । इन विध्वंसकारी और आतंकवादी गतिविधियों से निपटने के लिये सरकार कड़े उपाय कर रही है ।

Battle between Sinhala Tamils and Sri Lanka Armed Forces

1426. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been Government's reaction to the continued battle of attrition between Sinhala Tamils and Sri Lanka Armed Forces;

(b) whether Government are aware of the hardships that this situation has created for entire populace of Sri Lanka; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to help in the fulfilment of Sinhala Tamil's aspiration and for peace and tranquility in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Government has deplored the continuing spiral of violence caused by the hostilities between the LTTE and Sri Lanka Armed Forces, which has led to untold human suffering, casualties and damage to civilian property in North-East Sri-Lanka. It has also led to a refugee influx of over 118,000 Sri Lankan Tamils to India.

(c) Government of India believes that the devolution package contained in the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement of 1987 provides a viable basis for a peaceful, reasonable and enduring solution to the ethnic problem.

Supply of arms technology and weapons to Pakistan by China

1427. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that China has decided to supply technology for production of arms and weapons to Pakistan at a very cheap cost; if so, what is Government's reaction; and

(b) what is Government doing about it?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen a news report that China has agreed to transfer to Pakistan a complete defence technology package at a cost of twenty million US dollars, which is reported to be one-fifth of this cost of the technology on the international market.

Government have, in discussions with the Chinese Government, emphasised that the supply of sophisticated arms techno-

logy to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements of defence, poses a threat to India's security and to the maintenance of peace and stability in South Asia. In recent years India has engaged in a sincere dialogue with China on various issues of mutual concern and stressed to the letter the need for avoidance of actions that do no build mutual understanding between India and China.

(b) All developments which have a bearing on India's security are kept under constant review by Government and all necessary steps taken to safeguard our national interest.

Coastal road along the East Coast

1428. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal road along the East Coast is included in the National Highways;

(b) whether formation of the coastal road from Kanyakumari has been completed; and

(c) if not, by when the project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of cellular telephones

1429. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import cellular telephones;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with background of this move;

(c) the name of country from where this import is to be made;

(d) what are special features of this cellular telephone instrument;

(e) whether Government propose to manufacture these instruments in the country after import; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Department of Telecommunications is considering a proposal in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

(b) There has been an increasing demand for Cellular Phones in Metropolitan cities from the business community. The cellular technology is to be tried in India during 8th Five Year Plan. It is a technology with wider applications including in rural areas.

(c) Not decided.

(d) The new technology will provide the communication to the mobile as well as to the fixed subscriber. The Cellular Phone will provide continuous communication when subscriber is moving from one city to another without disconnection anywhere in the country, if nation wide network is provided. It will also provide data service, FAX, secured communication and integrated Subscriber Digital Network type service in future.

(e) The decision on the import of the Cellular System is yet to be finalised.

(f) Government had received some applications for setting up of manufacturing facilities for manufacture of Cellular Mobile Telephone Systems. These applications will be considered after a suitable decision on the introduction of Cellular System is taken.